
A New Name in *Primula* (Primulaceae)

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ABSTRACT. The name *Primula lactiflora* Turkevicz is a later homonym for a previously described taxon in Primulaceae. The new name *P. turkeviczii* Byalt is proposed as a replacement.

Key words: Central Asia, Kirghizia, Pamir-Alai, *Primula*, Primulaceae, Tadzhikistan.

In 1921, a new species of *Primula* from the Zeravshan Ridge in northern Tadzhikistan and southern Kirghizia was described by S. J. Turkevicz (Turkewicz, 1921) as *P. lactiflora* Turkevicz. However, this name is a later homonym of *Primula lactiflora* (Pallas) O. Kuntze (Kuntze, 1891) from the mountains of southern Siberia and Central Asia. The name *P. lactiflora* Turkevicz was used in *Conspectus Florae Asiae Mediae* (Kovalevskaja, 1986) and another regional flora (Zapryagaeva, 1984). *Primula lactiflora* (Pallas ex DC.) O. Kuntze is really a species of the genus *Androsace* (= *A. lactiflora* Pallas ex DC.). The epithet *P. lactiflora* Turkewicz must be replaced, according to ICBN, Article 53.1 (Greuter et al., 2000), and this new name is proposed here.

Primula turkeviczii Byalt, nom. nov. Replaced name: *Primula lactiflora* Turkevicz, in Notul. Syst. Herb. Hort. Petrop. 2: 13. 1921, non *Primula lactiflora* (Pallas ex DC.) Kuntze, 1891. *Auganthus lactiflorus* (Turkevicz) J. Soják, in Čas. Nár. Muz., Odd. Přír., 148, 3–4: 208. 1979 [1980]. TYPE: [Tadzhikistan.] Flora Serawschanica, Mogian, 4500 ped. (Zona širokolistvennykh derev'ev). May 1893. *V. L. Komarov* s.n. (holotype, LE; isotype, LE). Figure 1.

Distribution. *Primula turkeviczii* is known as an endemic from the Pamir and Alai Mountains in Central Asia (southern Kirghizia and Tadzhikistan). It

grows in archa (*Juniperus*) forests and mountain steppes, on stony slopes and under rocks at about 2200–3000 m elevation (Zapryagaeva, 1984; Kovalevskaya, 1986).

Phenology. Flowering May to June; fruiting June to July.

Etymology. The name is given in memory of S. J. Turkevicz, who was a great expert in the flora of Central Asia.

Primula turkeviczii differs from other species of *Primula* in this region by the corolla with milky white lobes and a dark violet tube and by its calyx with prominent nerves.

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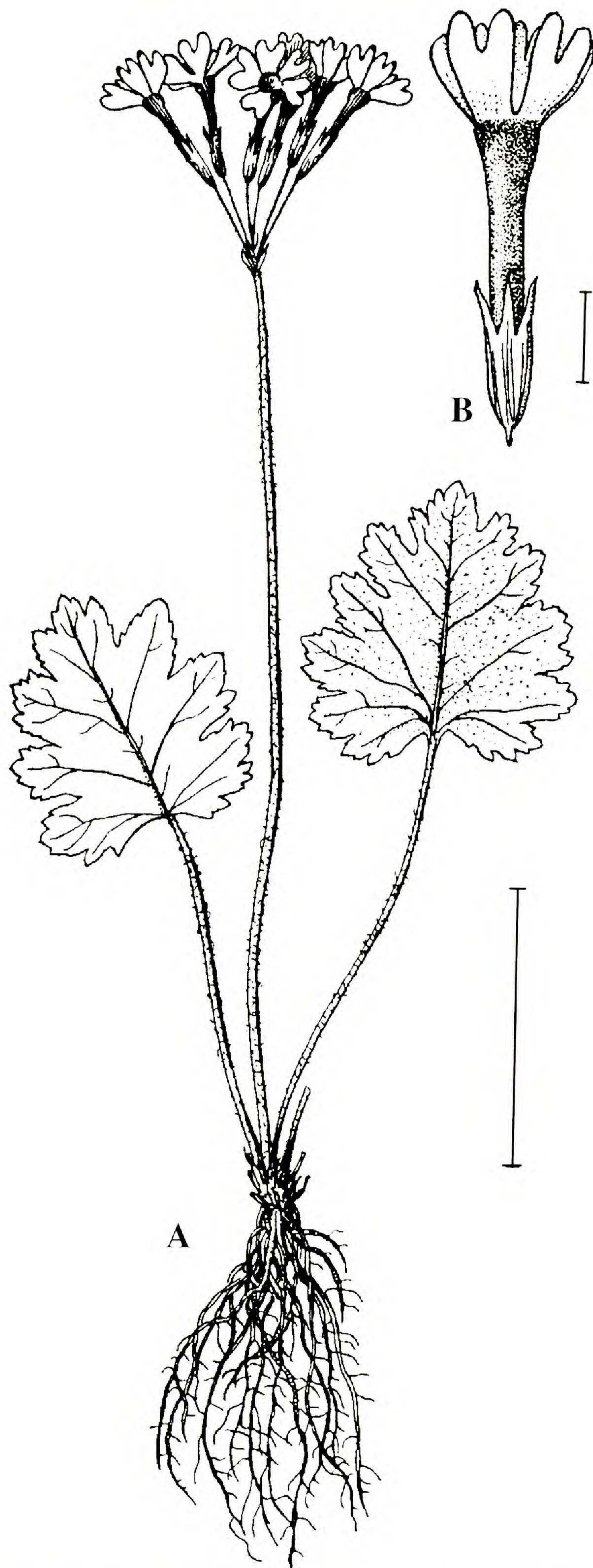


Figure 1. *Primula turkeviczii* Byalt. —A. Habit of plant. Scale = 5 cm. —B. Flower. Scale = 5 mm.